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Update #2

1 Fire Contained, Other Fire Searches Suspended by Darkness

Mountainair, NM - June 2, 2013, 10pm: A severe lightning storm passed over the Manzano Mountains this afternoon possibly leaving behind several starts. The West Manzano Fire was reached by Torreon Volunteer Fire Department and Mountainair Ranger District Personnel and quickly contained at approximately 1/10th of an acre. Although several other fires have been sighted by lookouts, fire personnel and the public, due to the little bit of rain and hail received, most fires are appearing and disappearing quickly. All fire searches have been suspended for the night.

At least 6 engines including Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM and New Mexico State Forestry will be out first thing in the morning along with Capilla and Gallinas Lookouts to resume searches. Air support will also be flying in the morning to aid in the location of fires.

It is possible that small fires may be in areas anywhere from the north end, Isleta/Chilili boundaries, as far south as the Red Canyon area in the Manzano Mountains. The Gallinas Mountains, west of Corona, also received a significant amount of lightning. Some fire crews will be dispatched to that unit to patrol as well.

This will be the final update for the night. Another update will be sent out mid-morning or as information is received. For more information call Arlene Perea or the Mountainair Ranger District at 505-847-2990.

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